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1. THE THREE MAN ILO TEAM HEADED BY NICHOLAS VALTICOS HAS COMPLETED ITS MISSION OF INVESTIGATING THE TREATMENT OF WORKERS FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES EMPLOYED IN ISRAEL AND DEPARTED FOR GENEVA ON APRIL 20. MFA, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND HISTADRUT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION THAT THE FACT FINDING MISSION HAD COMPLETED ITS TASK WITHOUT INCIDENT DESPITE THE RATHER TENSE ATMOSPHERE CURRENTLY PREVAILING THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORIES.

2. ALTHOUGH THE TEAM HEARD NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS, VALTICOS TRIED TO BE REASSURING TO HIS ISRAELI HOSTS. HE SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE SPECIAL SITUATION CREATED BY THE UNCERTAINTY OVER THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE OCCUPIED AREAS AND THE ATMOSPHERE RESULTING FROM THE CURRENT STATE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY GOI EFFORTS TO ASSURE UNIFORM TREATMENT OF WORKERS FROM THE TERRITORIES AND THOSE FROM ISRAEL PROPER AND THAT JEWISH AND ARAB WORKERS WERE

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WORKING SIDE BY SIDE RECEIVING THE SAME WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR SIMILAR WORK. HE ALSO COMPLIMENTED THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS ON THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES, THE EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES, AND THE FULL RANGE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE FACILITIES ESTABLISHED IN THE WORKERS' HOME AREAS.

3. HISTADRUT OFFICIALS EXPLAINED TO VALTICOS THAT THEY HAD NOT EXTENDED

MEMBERSHIP TO THESE WORKERS IN ORDER NOT TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE THAT HISTADRUT ENDORSES FULL EXTENSION OF ISRAELI CONTROL AND SOVEREIGNTY

OVER THESE TERRITORIES. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE WORKERS FROM THE TERRITORIES WOULD NOT WANT TO JOIN AN ISRAELI LABOR ORGANIZATION AND THAT THEIR RELUCTANCE TO BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE ISRAELI SOCIAL INSURANCE SYSTEM WAS INDICATED BY THE FACT THAT OF THE 45,000 WORKERS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN ISRAEL UNDER THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AUSPICES, ONLY 5,000 HAVE REGISTERED UNDER THE NEW HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME.

4. ACCORDING TO HISTADRUT SOURCES, VALTICOS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ILO IF THE US COULD NOT BE INDUCED TO RESUME MEMBERSHIP. HE ASSURED HIS HOSTS THAT HE WAS AWARE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY IN DRAFTING THE MISSION REPORT BECAUSE IT COULD AFFECT

THE AMERICAN DECISION WHETHER TO RETURN AS WELL AS OTHER ILO INTERESTS.

HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT TENSION BETWEEN THE AFRICANS AND THE ARABS IN THE ILO WAS INCREASING. A GROUP OF BLACK AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS HAD RECENTLY DECIDED TO COOPERATE TO KEEP A NORTH AFRICAN FROM BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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ELECTED AS AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GOVERNING BODY. AT THE SAME TIME HE SAID THAT THE AFRICAN AND ASIAN MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE THE PERMANENT SEATS ON THE GOVERNING BODY.

5. COMMENT: THE ISRAELIS WERE PLEASED WITH VALTICOS AND HIS DISPLAY OF UNDERSTANDING. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WISH TO WITHHOLD THEIR FINAL JUDGEMENT ON THE MISSION UNTIL THEY SEE HIS REPORT.
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